# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:180
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2016
Wage Arrears under MGNREGS
Patole Shri Nanabhau Falgunrao

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the funds released to the States under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during 2015-16 and 2016-17, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the outstanding wages for the year 2015-16 and the funds allocated for new works or activities for the year 2016-17, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the expenditure incurred on various relief schemes in drought affected areas by the State Governments was also included in the allocated funds, and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the expenditure incurred by the States for drought relief during 2015-16 and 2016-17, and the time by which these expenditure are likely to be reimbursed by the Union Government under MGNREGS; and

(e) the details of the measures taken by the Government to curb the irregularities which have come to its notice under MGNREGS?

## Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 180 for 28.07.2016

(a): State-UT-wise details of amount released under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during 2015-16 and 2016-17 is indicated in Annexure-I.

(b): State/UT-wise details of the pending wage liability for the year 2015-16 is given in Annexure-II. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand driven programmes hence no State/UT- wise allocation of fund is made. The Central funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of agreed to Labour Budgets and taking into consideration the performance and the pace of utilization of available funds. State-UT-wise details of amount released for implementation of MGNREGA including for undertaking new works or activities for the year 2016-17 is indicated in Annexure-I.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Funds for programme implementation are released to the States including drought affected States as per the agreed to Labour Budget and shelf of projects. Details of expenditure incurred under the MGNREGS on the drought affected States during 2015-16 and 2016-17 is indicated in Annexure-III.

(e): The Ministry, under MGNREGA receives complaints of irregularities including non-payment of wages etc. in many State/UTs. Since the responsibility of implementation of MGNREGA is vested with the State Governments, all complaints received in the Ministry are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for taking appropriate action including investigation, as per law. Detailed instructions by way of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dealing with complaints have also been issued to all States/UTs.

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